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'A healthy child is better prepared for learning and success in today's world economy.'

(Washington, DC) – Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-03) today joined a majority in the House of Representatives in support of the final version of bipartisan legislation to provide health care to 11 million children in modest-income families. The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Reauthorization Act was approved by a vote of 290-135 and was sent to the White House for approval.

"This is the same legislation that President Bush vetoed twice in the last Congress. Providing health coverage for 's children is the change needs

After three years of fighting for this legislation, I am very pleased that President Barack Obama will be signing this key bill to provide health care coverage for 11 million children later today

"Providing health insurance to children whose families simply cannot afford is a top priority of the people I represent in Missouri.

"No longer will children be forced to visit an emergency room to receive basic medical care. This is common-sense legislation at its best. Now children will be better prepared for learning and success in today's world economy."